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# 17 Items In U.S. 1956 Program

#### Pair Of Slogans Note Centennials

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Centennials are the theme of two slogans announced by the Post Office Department as available to collectors. Impressions of them can be gotten on postal cards or envelopes having addresses; the envelopes must also contain a stuffer and a 3c stamp.

Sabinal, Texas will have a slogan for the 100 years of Uvalde County, January 1 to May 13.

Grafton, W. Va. will celebrate its centenary of existence with a special cancellation to go into use January 15 and continue to June 6.

#### St. Bartolomeo Due For Vatican Honors

Very near to being released is a new set of three commemoratives from Vatican City in honor of St. Bartolomeo, abbot of Grottaferrata.

According to William Wonneberger, Jr. of Stratford, Conn. the total face value is to be 135 Lire. Other details are not known.

It is expected that the design will probably reproduce one of Domenichino's paintings which depict St. Bartolomeo (Bartholomew) and St. Nilus. These are located in the chapel of the monastery of the Basilian Monks at Grotta Ferrata.

#### Quarter Million FDC's 6c Roosevelt Liberty

Over a quarter million first day covers of the 6c Roosevelt of the Liberty Series were cancelled the first day at New York City November 18 according to the official report of the Post Office Department.

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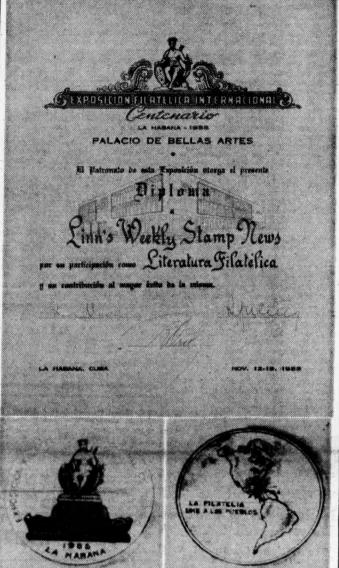
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A program of seventeen items of interest to stamp collectors has been announced by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield. Fifteen of them will be stamps, two will be postal stationery. The dozen plus five include two stamps which have been announced previously, the 7c Woodrow Wilson of the Liberty Series coming January 10 at Staunton, Va., and the 3c Benjamin Franklin at Philadelphia January 17, a commemorative. The above-mentioned Wilson, plus the following five, will complete the Liberty Series begun in 1954 with the 8c at Washington, D. C. on April 9—1½c Mt. Vernon; 9c The Alamo; 10c Independence Hall; 20c Monticello; \$5 Alexander Hamilton.

For FIPEX, the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition at New York April 28 to May 6 there will be a 3c commem, an 11c souvenir sheet; a 2c postal card, and a 6c airmail envelope. These are expected to be released on different days.

Labor will be recognized this year

Labor will be recognized this year with a 3c item for Labor Day; another 3-center notes the 200th anniversary of Nassau Hall, Princeton University; Booker T. Washington Centennial 3c; and three 3c to publicize Wildlife Conservation.

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Other than the bare announcement no other details as to the designs, places and dates of the first day sales and colors were given. The Post Office Department advises that such information will come in future press releases.

It can be presumed that the first day for the 1½c Mt. Vernon will take place at Mt. Vernon, Va. where Washington's home is situated. Probably the preparation of the FDC's will take place in Washington, D. C. with subsequent hauling to the small Virginia community for cancellation. ity for cancellation.

The 9c Alamo will undoubtedly have its release at San Antonio, Texas where this shrine of patriotism is situated. Philadelphia, for the same reason, will be the place of issue of the 10c Independence Hall.

Hall.

Presumably Charlottesville, Va. will be the site of the first day ceremonies in connection with the 20c Monticello. It is near this community where Thomas Jefferson had the mansion erected, according to plans which he prepared, on a 750-acre tract, which estate was then named "Monticello" (Little Mountain) by him.

Where the Alexander Hamilton \$5 makes its debut will be the subject of some random guessing. This statesman of the Colonial and Reyo-

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The Labor Day commem could come on September 3, or in conjunction with a convention of labor

unions. The Princeton University "Nassau Hall" will probably be released in the fall as it was in that time of the year when students first moved into the building on its completion.

time of the year when students first moved into the building on its completion. Its cornerstone was laid in 1754 and use began in 1756.

Booker T. Washington, whose centennial of birth will be noted, was identified with Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. It will probably be from this post office where the stamp has its issuance.

Whatever their theme the three wildlife conservation stamps should be popular for such designs have been urged on the Post Office Department for a number of years. However, what might be disappointing to stamp collectors is the fact that all will be of the 3c denomination and not in a set of several.

The 11c denomination for the FIPEX souvenir sheet could mean that it will consist of 3c and 8c stamps, the former being the domestic postage fee for first class mail, and the latter for foreign first class.





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# Going Rapidly

"Any doubts that may have existed in some quarters about the success of FIPEX have been completely swept away." it was stated by Richard S. Bohn, FIPEX chairby Richard S. Bohn, FIPEX chairman, in announcing that applications for 1028 frames already have been received by the Directing Committee. These are definite applications, accompanied by the requisite fees, and are not figures for preliminary reservations as released previously.

It was pointed out that this number of applications is far ahead of the number received for CIPEX in 1947 at a comparable date. There is no doubt that all of the available 2000 frames will be filled, and the

2000 frames will be filled, and the Executive Committee may be forced to consider the feasibility of providing additional frames, space

providing additional frames, space permitting.

Experience of previous philatelic exhibitions has shown that a great flood of applications may be expected during the last week before the entries close. The Directing Committee is braced for the FI-PEX deadline of January 15. Collectors intending to display are urged to send their applications as soon as possible. They are assured that applications received after the January 15 deadline will be given every consideration and be given every consideration and assigned frames as long as they are available, first come, first served.

As stated previously, although the Rules and Regulations specify that each exhibit will be allotted that each exhibit will be allotted not more than five frames, there is nothing to prevent an exhibitor from applying for additional units of five frames. This can be done by dividing a large collection into

by dividing a large collection into logical groupings.

Explanations should be made of another point that has not been clear to some prospective exhibitors. This concerns Rule 6 which states, "Collections which did not win an award in previous International Exhibitions, or did not receive at least a silver medal or an equal award at a national (regional) exhibition can be entered only by a special ruling of the Directing Committee."

The important point is that collections which have not won the specified awards are not excluded, but merely that they must be passed by the Directing Committee. It is expected that many collectors

ed by the Directing Committee. It is expected that many collectors will prepare entirely new exhibits, which have never been shown anywhere, while others will improve existing collections. Persons in such a category are urged to submit their applications with the assurance that they will be given every consideration. This provision was inserted to insure the quality of the exhibits at FIPEX, and was never intended to exclude any worthwhile exhibit.

There is still time to submit an application for the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition which will be held from April 28 to May

will be held from April 28 to May 6, 1956 in the great New York Coliseum which is rapidly nearing completion in New York City. FIPEX will be one of three great shows to open this fabulous exhibition hall.

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It seems sometimes that stamp collectors become "stamp dealers" at the drop of a hinge. The woods are full of part-time stamp dealers, some of whom graduate into full-time, successful dealership. Those who make the grade usually do so in spite of the established firms, who seldom pass along any of their "trade secrets" to newcomers. There have been a few so-called "books" on the subject in the past, but none that covered the field thoroughly and practically.

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Since the Stamp Wholesaler had been publishing such information month by month for eighteen years, it seemed logical for that publication to publish a book on stamp dealing. Reason for its solid success lies in the fact that it is not a "quickie", a hastily-written rehash of the tired, obvious facts about stamp dealing, but a carefullyof the tired, obvious facts about stamp dealing, but a carefully-edited compilation of some of the most authoritative information on the subject, written and published during the stamp Wholesaler's nineteen-year life. "Stamp Dealing for Pleasure and Profit" is the distilled wisdom of hundreds of active, successful dealers, advertising men, and merchandising experts, the best of everything that has appeared in the world's foremost stamp-trade publication.

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In addition to its obvious audience — stamp dealers and those who would like to be stamp dealers—the book has a big secondary audience: stamp collectors who would like to know how stamp dealers operate, what makes stamp dealing "tick". Editor Jackson feels that the book will find its way into many club libraries, now that it is available in a handsome library binding: green cloth with gold-stamped title.

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#### The Eternal Problem

There is one problem that is always with the stamp collector and whether you have ever pondered it seriously or not, it is in fact your biggest problem if you are very much of a collector.

This problem is the question of albums. Since the number of stamps to collect has increased many fold since the turn of the century, the problem has become a gigantic one for those who still continue to collect just about everything that comes along. It has also become a gigantic problem for the publishers of illustrated albums.

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We have this question put to us many times in the course of a year. "What do you recommend as the best album for all around use?" A collector in Connecticut recently enumerated several faults he found with the printed album he was using. Among these faults were . . . "I find the binders cheaply constructed and they hurt my fingers when I try to manipulate the mechanism to open them". "The paper is of poor grade." "The albums are neither chronological or alphabetical." "The paper album to use for my collection?" "The albums are neither chronological or alphabetical." "The best album to use for my collection?" or myself twenty or thirty years ago. I use a ring binder album with quadrilled pages. The binder is preferably one with booster openers so that they do not hurt one's fingers, although a cheaper binder is not too destructive to the fingers if regularly used for one does not have to open them often. The next point is that the albums are quite inexpensive alongside most other types. The average man can not afford to pay from \$8 to \$15 or even more for fancy albums which have but fifty pages. For myself I usually have about fifty albums on hand. In these I have a great variety of collections. They are so easily cared for, the new pages if they must be had are inexpensive alongside the higher priced albums. One has little or no difficulty about the ring holes tearing out if properly used. Never put too many pages in one binder, not so many that the pages will snag against one another at the ring edge when pages are turned. Never hold the album in your lap and turn the pages. Lay it on a flat surface and be careful with it and you will not have trouble.

With such an album myou can get from 50 to 75 or more pages in each binder. You can group your countries as you choose, frequently using one or more binders for a single country.

Let us just estimate that you eventually acquire 25 binders which will hold 50 page

#### A Flower Garden

If you are unaware of the great number of beautiful stamps that have been issued in the past several years which picture flowers native to the country of issue, then you will be greatly surprised if you look into these stamps and see a representative group of them.

I do not know of any Topical that offers a more attractive field than Flowers on Stamps. Due to modern processes of printing and lithographing it is possible to reproduce in natural colors, the flowers of any country at very moderate cost. In fact, the cost of these colorful stamps is below the cost of the steel engraved issues that have been ours here in America since the first stamp issues. Now however, we get from the foreign countries most beautiful stamps and real pictures of their lovely flowers and plants.

An examination of any good stamp dealer's stock of stamps will soon convince anyone that the United States is very, very far behind in postage stamp production. What person wouldn't enjoy the sight of a few pages of the beautiful flower stamps of the world whereas few noncollectors could get enthused looking at some of the issues of the past many years from our own Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Surely, we have the means to match anything produced abroad. Let's have some colorful stamps to show our world neighbors that we can make and appreciate such things.

#### Learn About Your Stamps

If you choose to be a doctor or a lawyer or an engineer, you would have to go to college for several years, study hard and make a big effort to master your profession.

If you want to become a smart philatelist, you have to acquire

If you want to become a smart philatelist, you have to acquire your knowledge in much the same manner, except that you have an even tougher assignment because there is no college to guide you. You simply have to be your own teacher, acquire the necessary books and dig out the information yourself. You can learn much by reading about what the other fellow has discovered and what he has found out

about his stamps.

There are many fine books on many different subjects. In United States subjects you can get good books on almost every phase of United States issues but in many of the foreign fields good books are hard to find and on some countries there is practically nothing available.

If your interest is in one of these countries you simply have to learn the vited foots about stamp designing stamp printing papers.

the vital facts about stamp designing, stamp printing, paper, perfora-tion, etc. and then study the available stamps in search of anything that will be of interest on the subject.

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# **VOX POP**

Editor, Linn's Weekly:-

I have read the letter attacking Aurand's suggestion that we depict the manger scene on a postage stamp. Preaching last Sunday on how Santa Claus was usurping the place of Christ in our Christmas observance, I read Aurand's letter from the pulpit. The writer of the protesting letter stated that to depict the manger scene would offend a treat many records and would be a great many people and would be undemocratic. I do not quite agree.

Christmas itself is the anniversary of the birth of Christ, and Christmas is a NATIONAL holiday Christmas is a NATIONAL holiday by a Christian nation, and many non-Christians enter into many of its festivities and I do not believe that any of them are offended be-because we as a nation celebrate the birth of Christ.

Canada on her Christmas Seals for 1932 depicted the Wise Men greeting with adoration the Star of Bethlehem, and I don't believe that any of the non-Christians in Canada were offended!

India, in which the Hindu religion in the find the find religion is predominant, has represented this year on its Christmas Seal the manger scene, and I doubt if very many were offended. And Christmas Seals, like postage stamps, are NATIONAL in character.

our Nation is a Christian nation and was founded on Christian principles. Let us not by a shameful timidity hesitate to proclaim to our countrymen and the world the joy and spiritual significance of the world's greatest event — Christmas—at every given opportunity—yes, even on a postage stamp!

Rev. E. S. Lyon

#### Rotarian Features Rotary Stamp Story

One of the finest stories to ap-pear anywhere on the series of commemoratives issued throughout the world for the 50th Anniversary of Rotary International will be found in the January 1956 edition of "The Rotarian". The publication is the official organ of the

tion is the official organ of the service organization.

A well qualified author handled the subject — Burleigh E. Jacobs, immediate past president of the American Philatelic Society, and a member of the Milwaukee Rotary Club. Mr. Jacobs has built an outstanding collection of Rotary stamps, covers and related material. Some of these are pictured.

Also shown is one design (of a set if more than one stamp was issued) for each of the countries of the world which have released Rotary commems to date. The de-nominations in the various sets are

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#### Bountiful Edition Of Helvetia Bulletin

Topicalists, historians and Swiss specialists will all want to get a copy of the ten-page illustrated article on the Pro Juventute Arms stamps which is featured in the 21-page, profusely illustrated November Bulletin of the Helvetia Society. Non-members may obtain a copy of the entire Bulletin for 25c from the membership chairman. from the membership chairman, Mrs. Fred Loeliger, 1225 Sussex Road, West Englewood, N. J.

Edythe J. Rawnsley, author of the Arms article, is the Hon. secre-tary of the Helvetia Society of Great Britain. Her likeness also appears with the article in which she gives so much detailed data about the heraldic background of the issues.

In addition there is an illustrated account of Swiss soldier stamps; an article on the Swiss alphorn by editor Edith M. Faulstich and a discussion of the Wifag Proofs. Dr. Kronstein has an article on unlisted early Swiss airmails.

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Japan, Norway and Sweden dominate the text of Volume 24 of the Billig's Philatelic Handbook series, just released and available from the editor, Fritz Billig, 168-39 Highland Ave., Jamaica 32, N. Y. Like previous ones this has a selling price of \$5 postpaid.

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The Japan sections are both in the lighter and more serious veins. In the former mood are a listing with dates and other pertinent data, of the pictorial postmarks of the nation, also called Scenery Postmarks. Many of these are pictured in black and white drawings of the same size as the original.

Compiler of the material is H. K.

# Valuable Handbook

Backed by years of experience as a philatelic publicist, Ernest Ar Kehr, stamp news editor of the New York Herald Tribune has produced a 14-page book for which there has been a terrific need. Called "Philatelic Public Relations", it reveals for the first time, scores of time-tested suggestions and ideas through which club secretaries, exhibition publicity chairmen, and stamp dealers can get free publicity for their activities.

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Designed expressly for persons whose job it is to advertise philatelic projects, meetings and business, it contains a wealth of practical information. It is the answer to writing releases that will wind up in editorial columns instead of the copy desk's waste-paper basket. It explains in detail how to dramatize for press, radio and TV, meetings at which guest speakers and other attractions are featured. It tells how to get local stores to provide without cost, store windows, etc.

The ideas Mr. Kehr reveals are sound, for they are based on original ones he used when he was vice-chairman and director of Public Relations to make CIPEX the most successful stamp show ever staged. He tells how he promoted an eight-page stamp spread in LIFE, in 1947, the first time this magazine ever regarded stamps seriously.

Copies of the book are available from Mr. Kehr at \$1 a copy, postpaid. Send requests and payments to him at 230 W. 41st. St., New York 36, N. Y. pictured in black and white drawings of the same size as the original.

Compiler of the material is H. K.
Thompson. It deals with the postmarks of the early 1930's era.
Frederick A. Brofos' supplement to the Brofos Catalog of the Postal Stationery of Norway is another feature. Listings and subject text are definitely detailed and are of the ultimate for the serious stationery collector.

"The Private Local Posts of Sweden — 1941 - 1947" by Raymond Lister is a typical Billig Handbook article. It deals with a very live subject about which much in the way of reference is not known. It remains for Mr. Billig to dig these studies out for his series and preserve them in bound book form for collectors yet to come.

These Swedish locals are dealt with in a specialized manner with most of them priced in dollars and cents. Sharp illustrations do much to enhance the text.

Again given space is "Album Weeds", probably the original organized work dealing with stamp forgeries and how to detect them. This is a fifth revised, enlarged and illustrated offering of the original by the Rev. R. B. Earee. It is printed through the courtesy of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. of London, England.

Forgeries of Japanese stamps of the early issues, with illustration of the several imitations and the originals are made.

Paul G. Mattern, 62, a past president of the Havertown, Pa. Stamp Club died suddenly December 17. He was an assistant valuations engineer with the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was a resident of Havertown.

town.
His collecting interests centered mostly in the issues of the United States and France. He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter.

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1	0	#260 small tear VF appear.	6.00
3	*	#347 Horizontal pair F OG	13.00
3	*	#634d cpl. booklet of 48	
4	*	#730-31 VF souvenir sheets	7.00
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7	*	#752-71 cpl. special ptg	6.38
. 8	*	#807A cpl. booklet of 12	Christman
9	*HH	#816-19, 21-27 VF pl # blks #816-19, 21-24, 26-27 VF	
10	<b>₩</b>	#816-19, 21-24, 26-27 VF	
11	*_	#859-93 VF Famous Am	10.75
12	<b>秋田</b>	#859-93 VF Famous Am. 43	+00 +
13	相	#894-98, 902 VF	5.20
14	<b>★</b> EE	#859-93 VF Famous Am. 43. #894-98, 902 VF	-
15	<b>M</b> H	211008 Nato oddity, gum ends	
		across middle of top stamps	
16	*田	#C7-9 VF cpl	4.20
7.4	<b>#</b> H	50 face diff. 3c comm.	
		pl. # blks	-
18	<b>#</b>	100 mixed 3c comm. pl #	
-		blks F-VF	_
13	***	100 diff. pl. #'s or positions	
0.0	-	of 3c comm. blks	_
20	0_	100 diff. comm. 10 packs	-
21	(O)	1017-29, 60-62, 64-66 VF 2	
		covers of each No. 1 with	
		single and 1 with blk.	
		not cacheted	-
1	ota	23-38 are all opl. mint sheets	
· N	a. of	stamps per sheet in parenthes	is.

	## #965, 988 VF (70)
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	BRITISH COLONIES
-	41 MH 13 Diff. blocks of 4 F-VF 18.4
-	- 2531 COLOURIUM CIOWN COL.
100	cpl. 136
м	from Cook, New Guinea, New
91	Zealand, Niue & Papua 3.3
	1937 Coronations VF cpl. sets Cyprus, Gambia, Gibraltar,
	Jamaica & Papua 2.3
	1946 Peace cpl. sets from Cook.
	Mille de Bamos
	1946 Peace cpl. sets Cyprus, Dominics, Gilbert & Ellice,
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(a. III	and VF
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	blocks of 4 blocks
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Loi	#	Cat	. Val.
53 54	0	#25 VG	6.00
		crease on back	22.50
56	*	#267-68 VF cpl. blks of 4	24.48
57 58	*	GB off. in Morocco #67-70	3.00
59	₩	AUSTRALIA #200-02 VF cpl.	6.90
60	0	set in blks. BAHAMAS #96 F	2.60
61	<b>₽</b>	BAHAMAS #96 F BAHAWALPÜR #18-21 F-VF cpl.	
62 63	北韓	#18-21 F-VF cpl. set in blks	7.60
64	*	#O17-24 F-VF cpl	7.50
65	*E	#O17-24 F-VF cpl., set of blk	8
67	***	BAHAWALPUR #18-21 F-VF cpl. set in blk. #016 VF cpl. blk of 10. #017-24 F-VF cpl. set of blk BAHRAIN #21, 23-27 F-VF 5 diff. blks BARBADOS #209 VF blk of 4 #209 scarce perf 13½ x 13 F blk of 4 BR. GUIANA #230-39 VF cpl. #2348 WMk. upright VF.	9.40
68	舞	#209 scarce perf 13½ x 13	1.00
69	0	BR. GUIANA #230-39 VF cpl	. 3.57
70 71	*		
72	0	CANADA #19 P	12.50
73	棚	#54 & 56 F blks of 4	14.00
74	細	#195-201 F-VF blks of 4 cpl	15.24
76	理	#202 & 204 VF blks of 4	4.80
77 78	出	#202 VF Pl. # blk	7.00
79	類	#204 VF pl. # blk	7.00
80	*#	#208 F pl. # blk	-
81	40H	(4 blks) #2 Plate	
82	輔	BURMA #66-69 VF cpl. set of blks.  CANADA #19 F blks of 4 #195-201 F-VF blks of 4 cpl #201 VF Pl. #1 U.R. #202 & 204 VF blks of 4 #202 VF Pl. # blk. #203 VF Pl. # blk. #203 VF blk of 4 #204 VF pl. # blk. #208 F pl. # blk. #208 F pl. # blk. #208 VF matched set (4 blks) #2 Plate #209 VF blk of 4 #209 F pl. # blk of 4 #210 F pl. # blk of 4 #211-16 F cpl. # blk of 4 #221-16 VF cpl. blks of 4 #221 VF blk of 4 #231-36 VF cpl. blks of 4	6.00
83	拙	#210 F pl. # blk of 4	-
85		#211-16 F cpl	2.91
86	畑	#211-16 VF cpl. blks of 4	11.64 14.00
88	朝鮮	#231-36 VF cpl. blks of 4	4.24
89 90	田	#241-42 VF pl. # blks of 4	-
91	類	#246-48 VF cpl. set of	
92	OHH.	#259-62 F-VF blks of 4	
93 94	糊	#285 VF blk pl. #4 L.R #289 VF matched set	-
02		(8 blks) pl. #1 & #2 #290 VF matched set	-
95	*FF	#290 VF matched set	
96	和田	(4 blks) pl. #1	-
97	田林	(4 blks) pl. #2 #291 VF matched sets (8 blks) pl. #1 & #2 #292 VF matched sets	
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04	*FR	#C2 F blk of 4	18.00
05	THE STREET	San. 515a VF blk of 4	-
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19	102 WF	(12 blks) pl. #1, 2, 3	171	*	ALBANIA #35-40 F cpl 2.29	221
17	103 40	(8 blks) pl. #1 & #2 — #320 VF matched sets		0	ANDORRA San. #1-12 VF cpl. 3.50	230
	104 40	(8 blks) pl. #1 & #2	174	0	#356-56 VG-F '0 # 20 peso 5.00	-
16	105	San. 515a VF tete-beche pr	176	×	AUSTRIA #371 VF 7.50	23
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183 184	2	San. C14 VF 40.00 CAMEROONS #20-32 VF blks	238 239
	- THE	of 4 cpl 19.20	240
185 186	ŏ	of 4 cpl 19.20 CILICIA 2//122 F-VF 35 var. 4.61 COLOMBIA 30c on 50c gray green Surcharge in gray- block Vyert & Tailler Cat	
		green Surcharge in gray- black Yvert & Tellier Cat.	
		green Surcharge in grav- black Yvert & Tellier Cat. 1949 #23B-FR Frs. 3000.06 Ton margin copy centered left F Est. Net. Val. 30 on 50c gray green sur- charge inverted tied on smull piece San. Cat. 1948 #31a \$175.00 F Est. Net 75.00 San. #33 F pair 5.00 6CC Vermilion half used as	241
	_	1949 #23B-FR Frs. 3000.00 Top margin copy centered left FEst. Net. Val. 40.00	242
187	(7)	30 on 50c gray green sur- charge inverted tied on	243
		small piece San. Cat. 1948 #31a \$175.00 F Est. Net 75.00	244 245
188 189	0	San #33 F pair 5.00	246
108	(.)	30c tied on small piece	248
		Oun. 1948 Cut. #40a-\$100.	249 250
190	00	VF Est. Net	251 252
192	-14	San. #108-110 VF cpl 6.00 San. #8262 VF blk of 4 7.00 COSTA RVCA #C160-67	253
194	-46	COSTA RICA #C160-67	254
195	*	CURACAO #164-69 VF cpl. 4.68	255
196 197	KKK	#C18-28 VP	256 257
198	0	CZFCHOSLOVAKIA #B133-6	258
199	₩H.	SLOVAKIA #C1-9 VF cpl	1
200	*	DANZIG 4026-30 VP on 750	1
201	KKK	#C31-35 VF cpl 15.00 DUTCH INDIES #B52-56 VF 4.75	259
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209		#115 & 117 imperf blks of 4 color proofs Est. Net 20.00 #824-26 VF cpl 4.55	264
210	1	FRANCE #B149a, 153a VF 4.00	265
211	THE STATE OF THE S	#B213-217 VF col. biks of 6 4.82 OFF IN CHINA #2a F bik of 4 3.00	267
213	HON	GERMANY #28 F but OC 6.00	268
	2411	of type A:6 blk of 25. Un- usual item. Worth \$25.00	269 270 271
215	*	20 H93 -101, 107-15, 121-33	272
216	00	10N137-46 'mperf. set on	273
217	-kc	2 covers 334 diff. 1918-23 mtd. in special Presentation Album with documents. Unique	274
		special Presentation Album with documents. Unique	275
			276
218	0	piece. Min Bid \$17.50	277
219	000	T TARREST WE AND THE THE VIP	279
	4	GUATEMALA #216 VF hi val. 3.50	280
221	*0	GREECE #RA29 F 5.00 HUNGARY #198-202 VF tied	281
		on small pieces	282
223 224	*	on small pieces	284 285
225	*	IONIAN IS. N1-6, N9, NRA1, NRA3 VF pairs 8.35 ISRAFL #1-3 VF blks of 4 ITALY-RHODES #B9-14	286 287
226	* 1	F cpl 5.90	288
227	*	#CB1-4 VF cpl 7.40	289
228a	0	#15 VG	290
229 230	(e)	#15 VG 10.00 JUGOSLAVIA #1L1-16 VF cpl 2.13 #85-16 F-VF cpl 3.26 KARELIA #N8-27 VF 3 cpl.	292
231	000	#B5-16 F-VF cpl 3.26 KARELIA #N8-27 VF 3 cpl. issues on 3 covers-stamps	1
232	00	alone 5.80	293 294
-3=		with special cancellation	295 296
233 234	* 1	with special cancellation stamps alone cat	297
234 235	Q 1	LOURENCO MARQUES 3.50	298
236	4c - 1	#C8-14 VF cpl 3.50 LOURENCO MARQUES #B1-12 F-VF cpl 3.10 MEMEL #N87-90 F cpl 7.75 MEXICO #384-61 F-VF cpl. few with thin spots 8.90	
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cpl 19.20 2//122 F-VF 35 var. 4.61 BIA 30c on 50c gray Surcharge in gray- Vert & Tellier Cat	240	*	#1-5 specialized coll. of 40
Surcharge in gray-			between mtd. in small hinge less album Worth bid of \$25.00
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ermilion half used as	247	C*C**	B420-6 Oh First & Sist.   Day covers Sat. Net   3.50     POLAND #N30-55 VF cpl 5.49     #N30-55 VF cpl 5.49     #N30-55 VF cpl 5.39     #N316-24 VF cpl. bis of 4     FORTUGAL #315-45 F-VF cpl 3.52     REUNION #151-220 VF cpl. 8.78     ROMANIA #420-435 VF
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The news of the seventeen items for 1956 should certainly make most collectors of United States issues quite happy. The announced commemorations seem reasonable

Of course the six remaining values of the Liberty Series were definitely expected, as were the stamp, souvenir sheet, airmail stamped envelope and 2c postal card for FIPEX. The Ben Franklin for January 17 was known some weeks ago.

weeks ago.

The fact that the souvenir sheet will have a face value of 11c leads me to make a guess as to what stamps it will contain. I'd say that they will be the 3c and 8c Statue of Liberty "In God We Trust" designs. In my book these would be definitely appropriate.

Have checked the history of Labor Day and do not find any significant anniversary which would bring on a stamp. Be that as it may—most employed people often work one-fifth of the year or more for Uncle Sam and this might be their recognition—belated though it is.

is.

Think the Department missed the boat in not making the Wildlife Conservation trio in three different denominations instead of all 3-centers. This should be a good thing and done oftener. Canada started such propaganda stamps some years ago and feels that they are well worth the effort.

I presume that 1956 being an election year there will be more than the 17. However, I hope this administration does not get as

than the 17. However, I hope this administration does not get as foolish as the Democrats in 1948 when 29 commems were issued of which only four or five had any legitimate claim for production.

That was the year of the Chicken, Volunteer Firemen, Salute to Youth, Turner, Moina Michael, Clara Barton, Juliette Low, Ft. Kearny and a few others of smilar small stature.

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1. The Daniel Webster commem of 1932 celebrated the .....th of his birth, death. (Choose one).

2. What did the William Penn commem of the same year celebrate?

Apparently the people of Pittsburgh did not go ahead with announced plans to sell the Mellon stamp in that city December 20. That was the actual first day in Washington, D. C. A number of kind folks remembered me with the Washington FDC as well as from Pittsburgh on December 21.

The Mellon stamp was to have been carried to the Pennsylvania city in a quantity of a couple of million and placed on sale there December 20. It was also claimed

city in a quantity of a couple of million and placed on sale there December 20. It was also claimed that a special slogan cancellation might be used on that day. However, a cachet of the rubber stamp variety was used on some covers, it picturing Mellon Square.

So if you have a December 21 postmark for the "steel city", you have what most everyone else has, and I say "most everyone else", advisedly.

It so happens that I have a FDC cancelled at Washington with the "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" on the front of the envelope, and on the back the Mellon stamp cancelled at Pittsburgh December 20—both places the actual first day!

It came from M. H. Leonard, 128 Overbrook Blvd., Pittsburgh 10, Pa., who states that he prepared quite a batch with both postmarks on the same cover.

on the same cover.

Adm. Jesse G. Johnson of Nor-folk, Va. was most generous in re-membering one of my philatelic vices—the collection of souvenir programs of the first day of issue ceremonies for a new stamp, with the stamp affixed thereon and tied with the first day cancellation with the first day cancellation.

day, a real nice production; and as a special remembrance, one of the United Confederate Veterans commem of 1951 at Norfolk. In commenting on the affair at Wash-

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"1. They had a post office substation in the Art Gallery where you could buy stamps and have hand cancellations.

"2. The National Art Gallery had a stamp on each program—usually we have to buy the stamp. Haven't seen that kind of a courtesy since the Confederate Veteran stamp came out."

First person to send in a ballot in the 8th Annual Design Derby is Richard Needham of Lancaster, Ohio. He has always been most cooperative in this contest going so far as to print up facsimile bal-lots for the use of his Fairfield County Philatelic Society fellow members each year. members each year.

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Worst Design Least Necessary \_ Would you like sets\_\_\_\_ How Often

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Weekly Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio. Last week I explained how the ballot should be marked—choose the design which looks best to you, and second best and third best. Also the worst, and least necessary. And do fill in that data on how you feel about sets.

Clubs or other groups should not send me the single results of their voting, but each individual ballot.

The UN Postal Administration has released the information that the second printing of the 10th anniversary souvenir sheet amounted to 50,000 copies. These were sold out in a matter of hours after being placed on sale.

As pointed out here a couple or so weeks ago, there are notable differences between the original 200,000 of October 24, and the 50,000

200,000 of October 24, and the 50,000 of November 27.

Now if you find one of the November 27 lot on a FDC then you really have something. According to Hoyle there just can't be such a thing, but undoubtedly there will be a fair share of them since the UN probably cooperated with col-

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1. The Webster commen noted the 150th anniversary of his birth. 2. The 250th anniversary of Penn's arrival in America.

#### Canadian Israel Group Elects New Officers

Dr. J. H. Sachis was elected president of the Canadian Assn. for Israel Philately at the recent an-nual business meeting of the club. His fellow executives are vice president Derrick Long; secretary M. Adelman; treasurer Tom Roberts. The group meets regularly — interested collectors are welcome to attend. For further details write to president Sachis at 1429 Bathurst St., Toronto, Canada.

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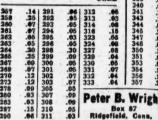
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ANTIGUA, pronounced An-tee-ga or -gwa, with the accent on the second syllable, is the next stop on our alphabetical global tour of the British Colonies. This is one of the many rather sleepy outposts to which our journey will take us, although Antigua is the most important island of the Leewards Islands group and its capital, St. Johns, the residence of the governor.

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The Leewards consist of four "presidencies", Antigua, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands. Until 1939, Dominica was also a Leeward Islands presidency but is now administered as one of the Windward Islands group.

Antigua has two "dependencies" of its own, Barbuda and Redonda, and we'll get back to the former at the end of this article. Although there is a legislative council, the

at the end of this article. Although there is a legislative council, the actual power in Antigua rests in the hand of an "Administrator" who is appointed by the governor. ANTIGUA is a rolling, pastoral island of 108 square miles. Of volcanic origin, much of its shoreline is rimmed by scenic coral reefs, and it has several excellent natural harbors. St. Johns, the capital, with a population of 10,000 and the only sizeable town on the island, boasts one such basin.

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Commanding its picturesque entrance is old Fort James, Scott type A16, erected early in the 18th Century. Antigua's other principal tourist attraction is "Nelson's Dockyard", see Scott type A15, which is located at the town of English Harbor, type A14. This was once the principal outfitting center in the Caribbean for the British fleet and was frequently visited by such great British naval heroes as Nelson, Drake, Rodney, Jervis and Hood.

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Antigua is of special interest to American collectors because of the fact that certain areas were leased to the United States for 99 years in 1941 for military and naval installations. Most of the population of 45,000 is descended from Negro slaves who were brought over from West Africa in a period of 250 years West Africa in a period of 250 years to work on the great agricultural estates, especially sugar planta-

estates, especially sugar plantations.

To this day, sugar is Antigua's principal product along with molasses, rum, tobacco, cocoa, onions and also cotton. Some of the British settlers have resided in the West Indies for several generations, but there are none of the original American Indians left on any of the islands except for a handful in a special reservation on Dominica. Columbus discovered Antigua during his second voyage in 1493 and while it remained uninhabited until 1632, the area was under the sovereignty of Spain. British Settlers from St. Christopher under Sir Thomas Warner (no relation) whose vessel is shown on Scott type A11, arrived that year, but were soon harassed by the French who had become a naval power to reckon with.

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who had become a naval power to reckon with.

British authority was definitely established by the "Treaty of Bre-da" in 1667. Antigua was nearly destroyed by earthquakes and hur-ricanes on a number of occasions,

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but its rich soil and dry and healthy climate have always made the task of reconstruction easier and have provided a moderate standard of

provided a moderate standard of prosperity.

ANTIGUA'S philatelic history began in 1856 with the establishment of post offices in St. Johns and English Harbor. For the first five years, regular stamps of Great Britain were in use and these can be distinguashed by the cancellations "AO2" for St. Johns and "A18" for English Harbor. However, the chances of finding such a cancellation in your own collection cancellation in your own collection are rather remote.

Any clear St. Johns cancellation, no matter how common the English stamp, is worth between \$15 and \$50 while an English Harbor postmark will fetch from \$75 up.

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Antigua was then provided with its own postage stamps from 1862 to 1890 when they were temporarily superseded by the general issue for the Leeward Islands. However, in 1903, Antigua staged a philatelic "comeback" and ever since its stamps have been in concurrent use with those of the Leeward Islands. In other words, a letter mailed in Antigua after 1903 may have any of three types of frankhave any of three types of frank-ing: Antiguan stamps, Leewards. Islands stamps or a combination of both.

both.
Aside from differences in quotations, the mere listings of the stamps of Antigua by Scott and the British Gibbons catalogue differ to a considerable extent. For example, Gibbons lists and prices used imperforates of Scott Nos. 2, 4 and 4a, all stamps in the \$75 to \$100 class, and indicates the existence of #2 with compound perforation and of #3 in imperf between pair.

tween pair.
Scott No. 8 bisected and used as a half-penny stamp is quoted at approximately \$20. An interesting and constant plate variety is found in the design of the three 2½d values, Nos. 9, 13 and 14, namely a large "2" in "2½" with slanting foot. These varieties are worth times as much as the result.

during a shortage of 1d stamps on that island. Copies used on St. Christopher can be identified by the 'A12'' postmark.

"A12" postmark.
Gibbons further lists the 1d value of the first 20th century issue, Scott #22, as having also been issued on blue paper in 1903 and values it at \$10. Gibbons also lists one extra shade each of Scott Nos. 43, 44 and 49 as major numbers, with the latter in bright blue the best of the lot at about \$1.50 mint or used. or used.

The most popular and most desirable of the modern issues is, of course, the famous Antigua "Tercentenary" issue of 1932, Nos. 67 to 76. One of the earliest pictorial issues of the Empire, it was released at a time of severe depression in many parts of the world and neither collectors nor dealers was anytous to stock up on it. The most popular and most desirand neither collectors nor dealers were anxious to stock up on it. Ever since, this has been one of the "standard" British Colonial sets which finds a ready market in almost any country.

The Silver Jubilee and KGVI Coronation issues were followed by the regular KGVI set of 1938 with its pleasing designs of local scenes which were once again utilized for

its pleasing designs of local scenes which were once again utilized for the Queen Elizabeth issue of 1953 with the new sovereign's portrait substituted for that of her father. The "Commonwealth" catalogue, always very keen on shades, lists nine color variations on Nos. 84 and 93, but only two are of major interest: Scott #86 in lake brown, about 75c, and #92 in dull purple, about \$1.75.

The regular KGVI issue, expand-

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The regular KGVI issue, expanded in 1948 by the addition of 10 shilling and 1 Pound stamps, was followed by the customary Peace & Victory, Silver Wedding, UPU, West Indies University and QEII Coronation issues, the last two in the new dollars and cents currency. The West Indian dollar is the equivalent of 58 U. S. cents. The three "War Tax" overprints of World War I round out the stamps of Antigua.

foot. These varieties are worth several times as much as the regular types.

As Scott points out, Antigua #20 was used on St. Christopher in 1890 world war I round out the stamps of Antigua.

The smaller island of BARBUDA which is administered from Antigua lies 30 miles to the north, has an area of 75 square miles and a population of about one thousand.

A reef-surrounded coral island, Barbuda, too, is fertile, but the greater part of the interior is dense forest. On July 13, 1922, a short-lived set of 11 overprints on Leeward Islands stamps was placed on sale on Barbuda. Today, very few collectors are aware that such a philatelic unit ever existed and a philatelic unit ever existed and those who have heard of it think it's somewhere in Africa. Barbuda's only set is seldom seen mint, hardly ever found used and covers are genuinely rare. The island was originally annexed by Britain in 1628; and in 1680 it was granted to the Codrington family who exercised complete control for more than two centuries. than two centuries.

We'd like to thank the many readers who have dropped us a line to say how much they enjoy our visit to the various colonies. There are two reasons why we must re-strict these visits to one every four to six weeks: There is so much other news to report including important advance announcements of British Empire new issues, and, secondly, it takes quite a lot of research to dig up facts and figures about the lesser-known colonies.

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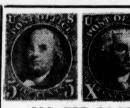
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BELGIUM'S ANTI-TB SEMIPOSTALS had their first day of issue on November 25. Consisting of seven stamps, four small size and three large, one of them should be of special interest to Americana on Stamps collectors for it pictures the late John D. Rockefeller. The small are all of the same design, a group of nude children dancing, and are 20c plus 5c magenta; 80c plus 20c blue green; 1.20fr plus 30c brownish black; 1.50fr plus 50c blue. The others are: 2fr plus 50c carmine; 4fr plus 2fr light blue; 8fr plus 4fr dark brown. This trio pictures Einar Holboll, Rockefeller and Sir. R. W. Philip respectively. The covers were sent by M. Poisson-Massart, Antwerp, Belgium. BELG!UM'S ANTI-TB SEMIPOSTALS had their first day of issue

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greater benefit from this activity.

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Local competitions will be con-Local competitions will be conducted by a large number of organizations that are cooperating in the program, ranging from stamp clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Rotary International, Kiwanis, YMCA's and schools. For information about the organization conducting the junior competition in your area, write to: FIPEX Junior Exhibits, c/o Minkus Publications, Inc., 116 W. 32nd St. New York I, N, Y. Minkus Publications, Inc., 116 32nd St., New York 1, N. Y.

#### POLPEX 1956 To Run Three Full Days

The Polonus Philatelic Society will hold its "Polpex 1956" on March 9, 10 and 12, at the Polish Falcons Hall, 1062 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. Tentative plans are being made to hold the famous "Buba" parties on the evening of

Chicago, III. Tentative plans are being made to hold the famous "Buba" parties on the evening of March 10.

Because the Polonus Philatelic Society is a specialty group, past exhibitions have contained principally specialized exhibits.

This year's will have a complete showing of Poland as listed in Scott's to satisfy those who are not interested in the specialties. The show is under the direction of chairman Roman Burkiewicz and co-chairman, Anthony Banasiak.

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Of course the field of General United States Revenues excels as the most popular among members. However many other revenue fields

However many other revenue fields are no less important to their in-dividual devotees. It is noted that an increasing

It is noted that an increasing number are specializing in such fields as wine stamps, precancelled revenues, Civil War revenues, and the revenues of the U. S. Possessions. In the listing of foreign revenue interests Canada came out on top, with Great Britain not far behind, closely followed by Mexico. Copies of the directory are available at \$2, and may be obtained by writing to the secretary. John

by writing to the secretary, John S. Bobo, 2318 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago 22, Ill. He will also be very happy to send information about the American Revenue Association.

#### Sarasota Collectors Elect Nielsen President

W. R. Nielen will guide the affairs of the Sarasota, Fla. Philatelic Club as president for the new fiscal year of the group. Other officers include vice president R. W. Pitt; treasurer Mrs. Robert E. Lee; secretary Mrs. Rose H. Wittke, P.O. Box 3553, Sarasota, Fla.
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Meetings are open to visitors and are held at the annex to the Municipal Auditorium on the first and third Thursdays in the

This and third Thursdays in the evening.

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#### GUNESCH-CODA BUREAU PRINT CATALOG.

A copy at hand and it is as the preview stated. The coil pairs and blocks that rate premium prices are at the end of each section. Illustrations of the TYPES that preare at the end of each section. Inlustrations of the TYPES that predominate in the section are at the
top of every page. If one were to
question the sections you might
wonder why the Wide and Narrow
Prexy and Defense (and War) issues were not separated. That is
the Wide Types in a section and
the Narrow types in another. The
Defense and War issue does have
a separate section, but the Wide
and Narrow types are together.
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Prices seem to be higher in this catalog and that makes you wonder since a lot of collectors want to buy at large discounts. However as I pointed out some weeks ago BUREAU PRINT material in condition that the collector wants is fast fading and copies where the perfs clear the stamp design are probably worth the higher prices. It will be interesting to note collector reaction. Over the years there have been several Bureau Print catalogs other than the "official" catalog and this one is by far the best.

far the best.

#### BULLETIN BOARD

The Nebraska News bulletin of the Nebraska Precancel Society was mailed from Hooper, Nebraska with ½c Prexys. The news reports that Nebraska has 401 towns and 606 types. Address furnished for return postage.

#### Special Edition For Cuban Centenary

In conjunction with the Cuban Centenary Philatelic Exhibition in Havana last mid-November the Club Filatelico de Cuba produced a special edition of its official organ, "Actividades Filatelicas".

Here in 143 profusely illustrated pages is a record of Cuban philately from the very first issue to date. There are stories about various stamps and series of stamps, the reasons for their issuance with historical annotations where such are justified.

Because the language of the text is in Spanish and English the book will have a rather wide dispersal among the collectors of Cuban material.

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President of the club is Dr. Cruz Planas; Rafael Oriol is vice presi-dent; Dr. Luis F. Ajamil, trea-surer; Dr. Raul Gutierrez, secre-tary, Apartado 678, Havana Cuba. Dr. Ernesto Bello was the editor of the special edition.

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At the same time, a highly specialized catalog listing began in serial form. This listing of every known variety and error of Vatican stamps also includes every statistic of importance to collectors, identification charts for illustrating differences of similar issues. illusdifferences of similar issues, illustrations and notes on private works on Vatican stamps, and a listing of unconfirmed varieties in footnotes. The purpose of this serialized presentation is to place in the hands of collectors the first Eng. lish language presentation of Vatican stamps.

can stamps.

This catalog will continue until all issues of stamps, postal cards, aerogrammes, fiscal stamps, and related material have been extensively covered. It is estimated that it will result in approximately 150 pages to cover this segment of Vatican philately. The ten year period of 1929-39 has resulted in 34 pages of listings which are highly illustrated.

Also slated for early publication in the same manner is a catalog

Also stated for early publication in the same manner is a catalog of all Roman States stamps. These will be treated in the same manner as those of Vatican City and will list all postal issues, reprints, re-

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In addition to the above features, In addition to the above features, the publication continues to bring to members of VPS the latest news of Vatican stamps, stories behind the stamps and designs, articles on members. and a complete coverage of related material. 

A sample copy and full informa-tion on the Vatican Philatelic So-ciety can be obtained by sending 25c to Vatican Notes, Box 113, Bos-ton 24 Mass ton 24, Mass.

#### Collinsville, Ill. Now Has Stamp Club

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Post Office Attitude To Be Modified?

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scope for discussion of the remainder of the points raised.

It was not an interview in the formal sense of the word, but rather a discussion on general lines dealing with the development of the official attitude on the part of Britain's post office vis-a-vis the philatelic fraternity. I may have mentioned before that this is showing increasing signs of softening, and it is not unlikely that the change of senior personnel following the retirement of the Deputy Director-General on September 1, may induce a modification in the position placed on stamp collecting by the authorities.

Naturally, the great stumbling block is money. It comes in two forms:

(1) The expenditure of all moneys by the post office must be authorized by the British treasury, and this authorization is not easily obtained. Irrespective of whether a service is going to make a profit or not, it needs money to originate and establish itself, its officers must be salaried, and it must have accommodation and the numerous other expenses concomitant ous other expenses concomitant on the running of a Civil Serv-

ice department.
(2) The philatelic service -(2) The philatelic service — if such should be called into existence — may produce a certain profit for the postal revenues. But in comparison with Britain's total post office surplus, the profit is likely to be insignificant. Say a net profit of \$1,000,000 may be estimated. It is likely to be very small if you count that the post office operates at a profit of

be estimated. It is likely to be very small if you count that the post office operates at a profit of \$12,000,000 anyway.

Just how much of this profit is a paper profit, derived from charging the government for the carriage of mails (an account which is never settled in cash, but in fact represents merely an accountancy figure), I cannot estimate without going through the postal accounts. Nevertheless, the profit exists.

profit exists.

One other point is also of no mean significance. A successful and profitable philatelic service depends on the sale of new issues. At present, the formalities and other rigmarole connected with such an undertaking are so formidable that the Post Office patually shy of profusing and profit is not undertaking are so formidable. formidable that the Post Office is naturally shy of producing any more new issues than are strictly necessary. In a way this represents a vicious circle—no philatelic service without new issues, and no new issues without a philatelic service to handle them.

#### Watermark Change

I have referred previously to the St. Edward's Crovn, which is replacing the Tudor Crown in the watermarked paper used for the printing of British stamps. No doubt, readers will have noted the fact that the new high value (Castles) are printed on the multiple watermarked stock used for the smaller denominations, instead of having a special watermark all to themselves. Whether the provision of separately watermarked papers was due to the exigencies of requiring superior grades for recess printing than the generally soft-sized papers used for photogravure I must leave the paper experts to decide. But as the Colonies use identical stock for both processes, no doubt Messrs. Harrison & Sons have adapted themselves to the situation.

Nevertheless, the officer expressed surprise at the great in-

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terest taken in the (to him insignificant) change of watermark. I explained the general scarcity of interest in British current issues, which made every variety welcome, and in this case it was a definitely constant and collectible variant, beloved of the philatelic heart.

The possibilities for the collector of modern British issues are very restricted, and as for philatelic franking, almost the only way of achieving this is by the use of Tangier and Morocco Agencies overprints on British stamps. These are valid in Great Britain for all classes of postage, but must be obtained through the stamp trade. stamp trade.

#### Design Committees Do Their Best

The question of British stamp esign again raised its head, and lthough general approval was The question of British stamp design again raised its head, and although general approval was felt in regard to the design of the new high values, the heavy bar of color and rather large lettering was criticized. There is however no possibility of change in that direction. The colors of these new stamps are good and bold, and the engraving (or rather etching) is of fair quality—certainly better than a good deal of the work presently being produced by Waterlow's.

Now that Messrs. Harrison & Sons have installed equipment for two-color printing by the photogravure method, there is a distinct possibility that the mid-

photogravure method, there is a distinct possibility that the middle values of the British series may be produced in more attractive finishes. Part of the trouble in creating the British definitive series lies in the fact that most of the seventeen low values (up to 1/6) see very extensive usage, and must be instantly distinguished to a large number of

and must be instantly distinguishable to a large number of users, both postal and general. Thus it is essential (as seventeen different and immediately recognizable colors cannot be produced) to have pronounced variants in tone value between variants in tone value between one group of denominations and the other. Thus the low values (½d to 3d) are very deep in tone; the next group (4, 5, 6d) is very light, the next group (7, 8, 9, 10, 11d) contains a dark oval on a light background, and the three remaining values are again three remaining values are again different

With two color printings, this difficulty could be overcome by a combination of other tones, and the relatively limited usage of stamps above the value of 6d should make this economically

The 6d stamps are a chapter to themselves. Their pink color and light shade is necessitated by the light shade is necessitated by the fact that large numbers are used as fiscals on legal and commercial documents. In view of this, they are printed in double-fugitive ink which instantly permits detection of erasure and chemical forgery, and are also light in tone so that the alterations cannot be hidden. Here postal requirements are particularly closely linked to those of the revenue branch. revenue branch.

#### New Postage Due Designs?

New Postage Due Designs?

1914 was the date of introduction of the current postage due pattern. The Post Office is aware of the need for a change to a more attractive and up-to-date design, and have this under consideration. Whether or not anything comes of it, I cannot say. But they are thinking about the replacement, and a life of 41 years is a very good record for any stamp, whether postage due or definitive.

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Incidentally, don't forget about those postage dues? I mentioned them before, and now they are likely to appear on Tudor Crown and St. Edwards Crown paper. And don't forget the British coil and booklet stamps with their and booklet stamps with their inverted and sideways water-mark variants. Both are to show the two different types.

#### Post Office Becomes Exhibition Conscious

One of the best signs of public relation consciousness on the part of the G.P.O. is its willingness to exhibit its treasures. This year, exhibitions at Stockholm, year, exhibitions at Stockholm, Auckland (New Zealand) and Duesseldorf have held official British showings. Again these were sadly handicapped by lack of money, and to an almost equal

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degree by lack of understanding in official quarters of the kind of material of interest to collectors. Thus when I explained that the "Westropa" exhibition at Duesseldorf contained postal official displays from small countries which eclipsed the British showing, and that moreover these countries showed rejected designs, progressive proofs, color trials, and other archive materials which is the main strength of post office exhibits, I was asked rather surprisingly, "But do collectors want to see this kind of thing?"

I confirmed this — at least as far as my own taste goes, and explained that rarities, as issued, were one thing, but could after all be occasionally viewed in great collections, and at auction. But rejected designs, and similar unique material, would only be available in the postal records, and should be aired at frequent intervals.

A comparatively modest sum

intervals.

A comparatively modest sum expended on the mounting of a few representative sheets would very soon result in the formation of a nucleus of a permanent pos-tal exhibit, for display at exhibi-tions, and in between these occasions, for showing in a post office records museum. The suggestion was, I am happy to say, received favorably, and we may yet see something along these lines.

#### Catalogues

To hand are the new catalogues from Stanley Gibbons and the Commonwealth Stamp Co. And a little bird tells me that Stanley Gibbons is preparing a specialized British catalogue. It may be some years before this is ready, and I do not advise inquiries at this stage. Stanley Gibbons Ltd. will make an official announcement when they are ready to do so. I refer, of course, to the London publishing firm of that name. that name.

Prices in both catalogues show

Prices in both catalogues show a general hardening of obsolete issues, with Commonwealth curiously enough cataloguing the Elizabeth II Coronation stamps lower for Tangier than for the unoverprinted Great Britain set, of which about 50 times as many were sold. No doubt this anomaly will excitator and house the second of the second to the second of the second the second of the se will straighten out, because the Tangier set is notoriously hard to come by, and already fetches well in excess of double face val-

well in excess of double face value.

Third publication of interest is the "Stamp Collectors' Annual" published by Harris Publications Ltd., 29 Buckingham St., London WC 2. This annual gives very handy listings of all kinds of information likely to be of interest to the collector of Great Britain material, and its articles on the Philatelic Congress at Norwich, Royal Children on Stamps, and other listings (such as Books of the Year, and Philatelic Magazines published today) are of general use. The price of the work is 50c, post free.

#### Holland, Colonies Specialized Catalog

A reference book which has had not too wide a circulation in the United States is the Specialized Catalog for the Stamps of Netherlands and Colonies. Besides the stamps of the mother country, also dealt with are Indonesia, Dutch dealt with are Indonesia, Dutch New Guinea, Netherlands Antilles and Suriname. Biggest handicap to full use of

Biggest handicap to full use of the text is the Dutch language in which it is written. However, even this is not too great for one can "feel" his way through a good deal of it with success. The actual listings are easy to follow, especially because of the accompanying illustrations which make it possible to doublecheck against an English text general catalog.

For all the above-named places the treatment of the postage and other issues is specialized. Variations from the major issue are fully recorded whether the differences occur in production or design.

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#### Notes From Israel

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\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel preceded its recent Magen David stamp with one inter-esting commemorative cancel, and paced its annual United Naand paced its annual United Nations Day with another. To cap it all, the first group of Twelve-Tribes stamps has given rise to one of the most interesting 'maximum' card groups this writer has ever seen. There should be enough "meat" in all this to keep most Irreal gracialists active and most Israel specialists active and happy!

#### Magen David Adom

The Magen David Adom (Israeli Red Cross equivalent) stamp was issued on November 1. Most Israel collectors know this. What is not so well known is that a special commemorative cancel was used in Jerusalem on August 8 which presaged the stamp design. stamp design.



The cancel shows the Star of David superimposed upon a speeding ambulance (the same motif used later for the stamp), with inscription in Hebrew and in English, "1930-1955 Magen David Adom".

#### UN Commems - NOT Snafu'd

Israel celebrates an annual United Nations Day (and a UNI-CEF Day also) with a devotion that might well put other nations to shame. This year's celebration was marked by a special Tenth Anniversary cancel showing a large figure "10" over the United Nations emblem.



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#### cancel and no unexpected "sell-Real Gems

As we know, the Twelve-Tribes stamps — or rather, the first four of them — finally went on sale on November 8, after many months of delay. They have resulted in the most attractive "maximum" cards to come out of Israel to date. The design for each of the four cards is the same — a map of ancient Palestine, showing the areas occupied by each of the Tribes of ancient Israel. rael.

The cards vary in color to conform with the stamps, and each card shows a different Tribal emblem, also in conformity with the stamp design. In addition, the map is colored in to emphasize the Tribal area. These are "dress-up" items that few Israel collec-tors will care to lack.

#### Another Postal Link

A new post office was opened at Kefar Glickson on October 6.

#### Turkey For Santa On Cuban Pair

Cuba which has had a Santa Claus stamp set of two for Christmas mail in denominations of 2c and 4c will have a new design for the holiday season. It will be a big turkey—certainly a bird worthy of any Christmas feast.



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ber 1.

BRAZIL. Monteiro Lobato, Brazilian author, has been honored by the issuance of a 40c green stamp on December 8. A family scene and portrait of Lobato is the central design of the stamp.

A 60c commemorative stamp.

A 60c commemorative stamp was issued on December 18, honor-ing Adolpho Lutz, pioneer of public health in Brazil.

On January 15 a 60c stamp will se issued for the Salto Grande

be issued for the Salto Grande Dam.

DENMARK. "Postfaerge" has been overprinted on the following King Frederik IX stamps thereby creating four new ferry stamps: 30 ore red, 40 ore gray, 50 ore blue-green, and 70 ore green.

GERMANY (West). "Helpers of Mankind" is the title given to a four value set of stamps issued on November 15. A portrait of Amalie Sievering is on the 7 plus 3pfg brown; Adolph Kolping is on the 10 plus 5 pfg green; Dr. Samuel Hahnemann is on the 20 plus 10pfg orange; and Florence Nightingale is on the 40 plus 10 pfg blue.

HUNGARY. Persons engaged in various occupations is the theme of a seven value set issued on November 25. The values and colors are: 12f orange—masonry; 30f maroon—pottery; 50f blue-gray — weighing goods on scale; 1.20Ft. olive—carpenter; 1.40Ft. green — railroad worker; 4Ft. blue—truck driver; and 5Ft. reddish-brown—linesman.

PANAMA. The 21c red Rotary

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PANAMA. The 21c red Rotary stamp has been re-valued to 15c. A black overprint has been applied to change the value.

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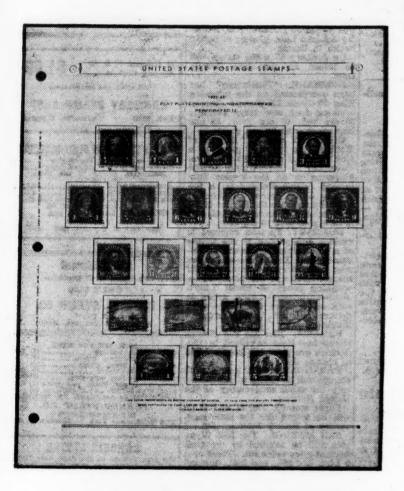
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There are many interesting sides to collecting plate numbers. None arouse so much interest and curiosity as the statistical part and more so the cost. Wherever you go in stamp circles, you will always find the common question, "What does it cost?", "What is the value?", along with the other incidental figures, how big the collection is, and what is the cost to maintain it? From the many inquiries received it occured to me that gathering all these figures together and presenting them in an abbreviated chart, for easy and quick refer-There are many interesting sides collecting plate numbers. None

chart, for easy and quick reference, might not only provide the answer for many natural questions, but in addition this will attempt to present averages as a guide not only to collectors of long standing, but also to beginners. but also to beginners.

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Here too I will attempt to present factual figures of cost and value to the three major branches of plate number collectors, which have been discussed in previous articles, the first group being those who collect one plate block of each stamp. For this group it will be comparatively easy to show what it costs to maintain these from year to year.

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Even the second group, where collectors try to get one matched plate, four plate blocks, of every new stamp, the data as well as costs would be more than group one, but considerably less than group three, where the collector is after all numbers in all positions.

For the time being, and to avoid confusion, we will limit ourselves to commemoratives and special issues, even where they include airmails as commemorative stamps.

For group three, that is, for the collectors of commemoratives in all numbers and positions, the pre-

all numbers and positions, the pre-sentation will include the following information: the number of stamps insued per year, the number of stamps issued per year, the number of plates used for all these issues, the number of different positions, the face value of all positions in plate blocks and in plate singles, and the basic, or minimum value of these same plate blocks and plate singles right after their release. singles right after their release. tailed explanation in an earlier article it was the plate single.

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Another way of illustrating this would be if you were to buy a \$5 shirt for \$3 you would still regard the shirt as having a \$5 value, regardless of what you paid for it. After giving you the figures, as explained above, we will then take the same figures and compute them into weekly and monthly average costs for that year. There will be a weekly and monthly average for face value for each plate block and plate single, and for values of the plate blocks and plate singles. On issues from recent years, all this information can help give you an idea of the rate of growth of

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your collection in number of positions, matched plates, or complete sets of all numbers and positions. It can also help you budget yourself for the future.

Above all, I believe the information should be most useful to beginners and new collectors, to determine the extent of their participation in the plate block field and by the size of their budget they would be able to limit themselves to keep within the cost that they could afford. to keep withit could afford.

A collector who has a lot of free time, and feels he would enjoy obtaining most of his plate blocks at face value, or at a minimum cost above face, can perhaps be encouraged by the figures to be released here, that he could perhaps build a greater collection than if he were to use the services of a stamp dealer for many of the a stamp dealer for many of the

a stamp dealer for many of the positions.

The data for 1955 is still incomplete so let us begin with 1954. These are all commemorative issues. For the collectors of one plate block of each issue: there have been five different 3c commemoratives; total face value for the year, 60c; value, \$1.25.

Group two: for the collectors of one matched plate, four plate blocks, of each issue: there have been five different 3c commemorative issues, twenty different plate blocks; face value, \$2.40; value, \$5. Average cost: face value, 20c per month; value, 42c per month.

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Myron T. Weiner, owner-mana-ger of the Stampmart, 4032 S. Seventh St., Abilene, Texas should get a resounding "Thank You" get a resounding "Thank You" from the people to whom he mailed the newest editions of his price lists. They were sent in a UN 10th Anniversary FDC on December 9. The lists offer fine used U. S., and mint and used sets and circles of the world singles of the world.

The Grayjoy Stamp Service, P.O. Box 685, Long Beach, N. Y. has a philatelic bracelet selling for \$1 which includes federal tax and postage. Of the chain type it has four pendants attached on each side of which are affixed colorful stamps. The stamp designs are of animals, bugs, flowers, scenes and personages of several different

Herman Herst, Jr., Shrub Oak, N. Y. will have his offices closed from December 25 to January 15 and asks that orders for stamps and covers, or other correspondence not be sent until-the latter date. He will be on a buying trip to Europe where he will also take in the London National Stamp Exhibition. He hopes to have some hibition. He hopes to have some nice offers therefrom.

John F. Winn, 502 W. Broadway, Bolivar, Mo. has a wholesale price list of used U. S. which is sent free list of used U. S. which is sent free to the trade. For collectors who send a 3c stamp, he will send his 1956 price list of mint and used United States. Offerings in the latter begin with the 1847's. Later items come in blocks and singles and plate blocks. Satisfaction and plate guaranteed.

The H/F Stamp Co., P. O. Box 363, Roslyn Heights 3, N. Y. has two new checklists, for Argentina and Venezuela. Among the Argentine offers are the recent scarce watermark varieties such as Scott Nos. 482, 485 and 548. The older Venezuelan issues are featured in the other list, these gaining in popularity because of the "States" commemoratives.

A number of stamp dealers also carry coins, and it is as a source for the latter that James Inc., 300 W. Main St., Louisville 2, Ky. advises of their new 1956 Wholesale Coin Supply Catalog sent to the members of the trade who apply for it on their business stationery. The firm also wholesales stamps, supplies, albums and accessories. supplies, albums and accessories.

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United States is now ready in a 1956 edition advises C. Roger Gernert, 4235 Alton Rd., St. Matthews, Ky. It will be sent for 25c which sum is deductible at the time of the first purchase. It consists of 114 pages, well illustrated, and designed to serve as a checklist, buying guide, price list and catalog for U. S.

Several weeks ago there was reviewed in Linn's a book in both German and English which pictures and describes the stamps of North Viet Nam. Fritz Billig, 168-39 Highland Ave., Jamaica 32, N. Y. advises that he is the sole agent for the United States and Canada of this reference brochure. It has a selling price of \$2 which includes postage.

Herbert A. Schwartz, Meadow-brook Lane, Old Westbury, N. Y. has a 1956 Plate Block Price List which offers all the commemoratives, regulars and airmails from 1923 to date. It will be sent without cost to requests. Included in its pages are some helpful hints on how to locate positions. Mr. Schwartz has a sizeable holding of the scarce numbers.

Just around the corner from Just around the corner from his former location is the new store of Leonard T. Salmon at 51 Fourth Ave., East Orange, N. J. In addition to a comprehensive stock of United States and General Foreign coins and accessories for that hobby are on hand. The 1956 U.S. price list can be gotten for 25c which sum is refundable on the first order.

Charles E. Horne, P. O. Box 812, Battle Creek, Mich. states that he has gone out of stamp dealing and that any offers he has advertised in the past are now void. He thanks his former customers and believes they will be interested to learn that he has set up a philatelic counseling service, especially for stamp dealers. Mention Linn's if you write.

Of keen interest to the philatelic world at the present time are the commems which were issued throughout the world for the 10th anniversary of the UN and the 50th anniversary of Rotary International. Both categories are listed and priced in a new ies are listed and priced in a new complete list given free by Frank Warner. 109 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. Mention Linn's.

#### Hudson-Mohawk Israel Group Plans Meeting

The January meeting of the Hudson-Mohawk Chapter of the Society of Israel Philatelists will be held on Wednesday evening, January 11, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of the president, Fabius Schmerler in Loudonville, N. Y. The speaker of the evening will be Pierson Ostrow, a dealer from Burlington, Vt. Plans for an auction at the February meeting are well under way.

ruary meeting are well under way. The chairman, Irving Rosenberg, 55 Ramsey Place, Albany, N. Y. has announced the date as Feb ruary 15. Further information will be announced, or can be had by writing the chairman.

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Information concerning the club or any of its activities can be had by writing the secretary Leon Cheris, 28 Clayton Place, Albany,

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The design pictures a "Land-soldaten" (peasant soldier), a sta-tue by H. V. Bissen (1798-1868). Herman Vilhelm Bissen was born in Slesvig, that controversial terri-tory between Denmark and Ger-

tory between Denmark and Germany. The statue was erected in Frederica, a community in the southern part of Denmark, in 1858. Primus Nielson adapted this piece of artwork for the stamp design while Bent Jakobsen did the engraving. Printing will be in sheets of 50 subjects.

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Denmark has overprinted "POST-FAERGE" on four more stamps for use on the postal packets carried by ferryboat. This will be found on the following values, with the respective Scott Catalog numbers in parentheses — 30 ore red (335), 400 gray (323), 500 Aquamarine (336), 700 green (326).

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Martin Bostrom, Hertig Karlsalle Martin Bostrom, Hertig Karlsalle 59B, Orebro, Sweden who sent the above news advises that Sweden will probably have commemora-tives for the centennial of the na-tion's railroads, and for the Eques-trian Olympic Games.

#### Italian Philatelist Coming In January

"The Italian Philatelist" will join the list of philatelic publications during January. Subscription will be \$2 per year, with eleven issues scheduled for 1956.

The publisher, Pierson Ostrow, is a philatelic writer and dealer-specialist in "things Italian". He has outlined an ambitious program for the new journal. It will feature—

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Italian specialty field; one page per
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Mr. Ostrow will present his "Notebooks" for Italy and Vatican in such format that they can, in most instances, be used as album pages as well. The format of the publication will be 8½ x 11", permitting easy filing in notebook form if desired.

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The saint was born in Valencia, Spain in 1335 and died in 1419 in Bretagne, France. He was especially noted for his oratory and preaching which brought many to the faith. His elevation to sainthood was in special ceremonies celebrated by Pope Calixtus III.

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The original of the Ferrer design is from a painting by C.
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Adding to the growing number of stamps with Christmas motifs is an 80c which Spain released on December 24, this pictures a portion of El Greco's "The Holy Family", now in the Prado Museum. In a green color it was printed at the National Mint by photogravure.

In keeping with Spain's policy of engraving all high airmail values the 25Pts of January will be produced in that medium. Engraver is Alfonso Lopez Sanchez Toda.

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Shown in the design is Mariano Fortuny, born June 11, 1883 in Reus (Tarragona) and who died in 1874. Fortuny was a great

painter noted for his accurate realism, coloring and tendency to a more modern approach to paint-ing. His style was adopted by a school of painters.

#### North Shore Show At Edgewater Beach Hotel

Three days, February 24 to 26, have been set aside by the North Shore Philatelic Society of Chicago, Ill. for the group's annual exhibition and bourse. As in past years, the scene of the affair will be the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

A souvenir seal has been prepared to be printed in three different colors. One of each comes at 25c the set, or a single costs 10c—include a stamped addressed envelope for the return of the purchase. Requests and payments are to be sent to Ray Miller, 5239 N. Magnolia Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.

#### \$50 Value In Prieto Centennial Series

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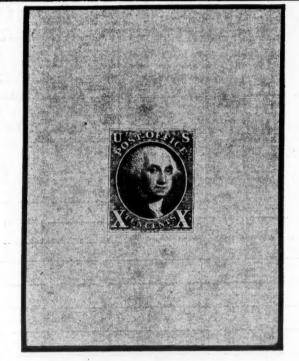
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